(b) an amount of Rs. 1.47 crore was released upto 31st March, 2001 under the Scheme.

(c) The entire fund could not be released due to non-receipt of complete proposals.

Utilization of Funds

3608. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that utilization of funds both under plan and non-plan schemes of his Ministry has been quite low upto December 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the huge amount of funds has been released at the fag end of the financial year;

(d) the reasons therefor; and

(e) the amount earmarked under plan and non-plan and the amount released in the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) This Ministry released a sum of Rs. 644.61 crores upto 31-12-2001 which is 63.75% of Revised Estimates (R.E. of Rs. 1018.00 crores for the year 2001-2002.

(c) and (d) No Sir, the amount released during the last three months of the financial year 2001-2002 is as under:

(Rs. in core)

Period	Amount released	Expenditure % w.r.t. R.E.
From 1.1.2002 to 31.1.2002	218.63	21.47
From 1.2.2002 to 28.2.2002	78.35	7.69
From 1.3.2002 to 31.3.2002	55.03	5.40

(e) The amount released under Plan and Non-Plan schemes for the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02	
	R.E.	Released	R.E.	Released	R.E.	Released
Plan	684.25	633.75	750.00	716.04	1018.00	996.62
Non-Plan	0.14	0.14	0.71	0.1675	0.71	0.4671

Cases of harassment of tribal women by police

†3609. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of injustice and harassment against tribals in the country which came to light during last six months, State-wise;

(b) whether these include the barbaric action of police against certain tribal women of Chhattisgarh;

(c) the actual reason behind the said incident; and

(d) whether any action is being taken against the persons responsible for the same?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Utilization of budgetary allocation

3610. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per Annual Report of his Ministry for the year 2000-2001, a sum of Rs. 11 crore was allocated in the Budget for the year 2000-2001 out of which only Rs. 2.7 crore was spent till 15th February, 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons for keeping such a huge amount unspent; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken for proper and complete utilization of funds spread over the year?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) An amount of Rs. 11 crores was allocated under the scheme of Vocational Training Centre for 2000-01 in the budget of Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The release under the scheme till 15th February, 2001 was 2.37 crore (and not Rs. 2.7 crore). However the total release under that scheme during the year 2000-2001 was Rs. 2.54 crore.

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